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SUBJECT: FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE INTEREST IN U.S.
- TARIFF OFFER ON AIRCRAFT AND PARTS

1. SUMMARY: AT REQUEST OF LOCAL FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE (MICHAUD), U.S. MTN DEL (MALISH AND MARSH) SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH HER AND VISITING OFFICIAL OF FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTRY (PHILLIPE) REVIEWING U.S. TARIFF OFFER ON AIRCRAFT, AIRCRAFT PARTS, AND A WIDE RANGE OF AIRCRAFT-RELATED EQUIPMENT. WE USED OCCASION OF FIRST MEMBER STATE "NIBBLE" ON U.S. GREATER-THAN-FORMULA REDUCTIONS TO
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EMPHASIZE TRADE SIGNIFICANCE TO FRANCE OF THESE OFFERS, WHILE NOTING THE NEED FOR RECIPROCITY FROM EC IF THESE OFFERS ARE TO BE MAINTAINED, END SUMMARY.

2. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR AIRCRAFT ITEMS, AIRPLANES (TSUS 694.40) AND AIRPLANE AND SPACECRAFT PARTS (694.60), AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND PARTS (660.44, 660.46,

660.52, 660.54), AND AIRCRAFT TIRES (772.45) WERE ALL OFFERED FOR DUTY ELIMINATION, AND THAT MANY OTHER AIRCRAFT-RELATED ITEMS, E.G., RADIO NAVIGATION AID APPARATUS (685.60), RADIOTELEPHONIC TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION APPARATUS (685.24), AND AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROL INSTRUMENTS (712.47), WERE OFFERED FOR FORMULA OR GREATER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS. MR. PHILLIPE'S INTERESTS WERE EVEN BROADER, COVERING ELECTRIC MOTORS, COMPRESSORS, AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, FASTENERS, AND PAINTS IF USED ON AIRCRAFT.

3. DURING COURSE OF MEETING PHILLIPE MENTIONED A CHANGE IN FAA CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES WHICH THE FRENCH CONSIDER A NEW NONTARIFF MEASURE. ACCORDING TO PHILLIPE, THE FAA PREVIOUSLY WAS GENEROUS IN CERTIFYING AIRCRAFT OR AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS, AND U.S. CERTIFICATION WAS A BIG FACTOR IN SELLING SUCH EQUIPMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES; CURRENTLY FAA CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES ARE MORE STRICT, AND ISSUED ONLY UPON AN IMPORTER'S REQUEST FOR AN ITEM TO BE USED IN THE UNITED STATES. FYI: THIS ALLEGED NTM WAS BADLY EXPLAINED AND LACKED SPECIFICITY, BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE THE FRENCH WERE USING FAA CERTIFICATION OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT AS AN EXPORT PROMOTION DEVICE FOR SALES IN THIRD COUNTRIES. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. FRENCH DEL ASKED FOUR QUESTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND:

- (1) WHAT IS THE CORRECT TSUS CLASSIFICATION FOR FLIGHT SIMULATORS?
- (2) WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE "AUTOMATIC PILOTS" CLASSIFIED IN TSUS 710.30? IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AUTOMATIC PILOT DEVICES FOR AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED IN TSUS 712.47.
- (3) WHAT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS ARE CLASSIFIED IN TSUS 710.46?
- (4) WHAT TYPES OF PARTS, BESIDES OBVIOUS MAJOR SUB-ASSEMBLIES (I.E., FLAPS, WING SECTIONS, ETC.), ARE COMMONLY CLASSIFIED IN TSUS 694.60?

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